Modernisation of Kolkata Airport

*113. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise Kolkata Airport at par with the international airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of funds spent so far on the project; and

(d) the fund allocation for the said project in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) Airport at Kolkata is one of the major International Airport of the country. Upgradation of the airport is a continuous process. The Government has also decided to restructure the four metro airports including Kolkata with private sector participation to upgrade the airport to world class standards.

The expenditure incurred on capital works during the Ninth Five Year Plan period at NSCBI Airport, Kolkata is Rs. 74.29 crores. There is a provision of Rs. 295.24 crores in the Tenth Five Year Plan for infrastructural development works at NSCBI Airport, Kolkata.

Seizure of foreign currency

*114. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign currency amounting to rupees six lakh was seized in Delhi in August, 2000;

(b) if so, the details of such seizure since January, 2002 all over the country; and

(c) the special efforts made by Government to curb such smuggling and its outcome since January, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The details of seizure of foreign currency since January, 2002 to October, 2002 all over the country is as per Statement (*See* below).

(c) The Enforcement Directorate and the Customs filed formations including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are vigilant in gathering specific intelligence so far to curb smuggling. Foreign currency worth more than Rs. 23 crores were seized in the year 2001. In the current year 2002, till October, foreign currency worth more than Rs. 11.33 crores has been seized.

Statement

Details of seizure of Foreign Currency since January, 2002 (upto October, 2002)

Sl. No.	Customs and Central excise Zone/Directorate	Value of Seizure of Foreign Currency in Rs. Lakh
1.	DGRI, New Delhi	552.18
2.	CC, Ahmedabad	21.08
3.	CC, Jaipur	-
4.	CC, Hyderabad	50.24
5.	CC, Pune	Nil
6.	CC, Mumbai	63.86
7.	CC, Delhi	193.99
8.	CC, Kolkata	240.67
9.	CC, Bangalore	10.30
10.	Enforcement Directorate	87.08
11.	CC, Chennai	54.00
12.	CC, Lucknow	5.69
	TOTAL	1133.50